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SIR:

It is respectfully requested that the art listed below
be considered in the examination of the subject application
and made of record therein. A copy of the art listed below
is enclosed.

4,983,927..... discloses amplifier OP having gain
Torazzina adjusted by voltage on node P,
January 8, 1991 which proceeds through "mute" and
"stant-by" levels on way to "cut-
off"

It is respectfully submitted that the invention as described and claimed is not disclosed or suggested by the prior art listed above.

Respectfully submitted,

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